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The 3 session 1, 2, 3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Program rounded off this week with 11 parents from both Monto SS and St Therese schools completing the course. All parents reported significant changes in the ‘happiness’ and ‘calmness’ of their households. One Dad arrived home from a long shift to say, "This isn’t the same family I left last week!" and one of the mums walked through the door on the last evening exclaiming, “This course has changed my life!” It was very exciting, as a facilitator, to hear all the positive stories. I am sure you will agree these are pretty good testimonies about the effectiveness of a short and simple parenting course. Three teachers attended the course as it is completely relevant and transferable in the classroom.

Safe, Happy, Learning is the motto that I have for my work, and I feel privileged that the P and C and staff together have also taken up the banner since my arrival in Monto. I believe and know that when people feel valued and are supported in their endeavours, they will flourish on the happiness and achievement scale. We can (and do) provide the best curriculum, pedagogy and resources, but without a positive school environment, we will not grow.

The parenting course teaches 1) That children are not mini adults 2) The two mistakes of parenting: too much talk and too much emotion 3) How to put parameters around our children so they are safe. 4) Emotions drive behaviour – so we learnt simple steps to emotion coaching.

In the last two weeks we have had performers from Covenant Players and Arts Link visit our school. The moral purpose of both performances, was to help children see and identify emotions and to link them to behaviours that are exhibited when we feel different emotions. When children understand emotions (and the behaviours associated with them) they can learn to manage them.

Our wonderful P and C have created a natural ‘playground’ for all our children to enjoy. There are different textures, shapes and spaces for the children to explore and create their own games. It has been interesting to watch how the children play in the space, as there is nothing to dictate how or what they should play, it just creates a space for them to make it what they wish. A huge thankyou to all the families who have been extremely generous in sharing their time, talents and donations.

NAPLAN was a time to test our school’s capability to lead students through the Australian Curriculum. The staff are feeling quite proud of our students who all tried their very best and I am feeling confident that Monto SS will shine in the results released in September. Thank you again to Kelli-Sue and her team for providing delicious breakfast for the test takers, ensuring not only content appetites, but also positive moods to conquer the challenge!

Under 8’s Day was a huge success and I will let you read and enjoy the pictures that illustrate just how safe, happy and learning our school is!
Parade Awards— Term 2

More parade award photos can be viewed on the website.
https://montoss.eq.edu.au/Calendarandnews/News/Pages/News.aspx

Monto State School  Ever Onward
During the last few weeks the Prep/One class has been busy working on a variety of mathematical and Science based activities. Firstly Blayke was really keen to experiment with making some bouncing eggs. So we got three eggs and filled a jar full of vinegar and a week later we took them down stairs to bounce. They did bounce a little but mostly to the children’s great amusement, went splat. Some of our junior scientists were more enthusiastic than others when it came time to explore the texture of the shell, yolk and white.

Our main science focus this term has been on discovering the different materials that various objects are made from. We have explored and discussed why some objects made from certain materials and finally we are working on testing which materials will be the best to use for an outdoor garden decoration. We have decorated the trees with a collection of collage items and have already decided that play dough and starch packing beads are not good when it rains. After the weekend we will survey the results and then begin to make our individual decorations to be taken home.

During Maths we were exploring squares and squareness and what make something a square. We used our unifix blocks to make some squares and found out to be a true square all the sides need to have the same number of blocks to make them the all same length. Lots of discussion and problem solving went on to work out each of the sides. Then to finish off we found that some of the squares would even be able to fit inside each other.

Also in Maths we have been exploring the features of a rectangular prism. We each chose a box and identified the faces and decorated these with faces. We stickered each of the corners and lastly glittered the edges. During this process we found out that a rectangular prism has 6 faces, 8 corners and 12 edges.

The preps also completed the challenge of making the largest building possible using only all of the rectangular prism shaped blocks.

Carol Scott
Assessment has begun in preparation for report cards due out later this term.

In English, we have been looking at “Traditional Fairytales” versus “Fractured Fairytales”. Students have been asked to choose which version of a story they prefer and write a persuasive argument about why it is the best. So far, we have enjoyed reading about “Cinderella” versus “Thinderella” and giving preferences for each.

In maths, all students have been looking at number patterns and partitioning numbers up to 1000. We have also been spending time on monetary concepts and collecting data for graphing purposes. The Year 1 students have continued to enhance their skills in solving simple addition and subtraction problems. The Year 2 students have started early multiplication concepts, while the Year 3 students have been practising their place value, multiplication and early division concepts.

In Science, we have been investigating our Senses. Students have enjoyed learning about their sense of taste, smell, sight, hearing and touch through a series of experiments. A few weeks ago, we tested out sense of taste by closing our eyes and guessing flavours. We also looked at our taste buds. While investigating our sense of touch, students were asked to use a paperclip to gently poke into a partner’s skin, which lead us to learn about touch receptors. Next week we will investigate our sense of smell.

In History, we have been looking at the History of Monto State School. Students have enjoyed looking at old photos of school buildings, past students and staff members. We have also enjoyed reading some old recounts of what school was like back in the 1930’s and 1940’s. Students will be asked to write a Historical Narrative about our school’s history over the next few weeks.

Megan Sinclair
The Year 3-4 class has been busy exploring how things heat up in Science, while in Maths they’ve been conducting chance experiments to test the likelihood of different events happening. The biggest highlight from our classroom seems to be the origami frogs the kids made in art that are still hopping around the room!

Brad Blissett

As we come to the end of the semester, we are tidying up all the assessments ready for reporting. Janelle Burnham teaches science, geography and history and has ensured that the delivery of these curriculums are multi-modal and inviting. The students have enjoyed many hands on activities, followed by reporting and reflections on what they have learned. The students have now covered all areas of the year 5 and 6 maths curriculum and in semester two we will consolidate, explore and extend their learning at a deeper level, particularly with regard to application – thinking mathematically.

In English we have used a variety of texts for different purposes and produced final products to illustrate how we have applied our learning. Next term we will be using technology to further expand how we can deliver our products. Thank you to the parents of the 5/6 class who actively support their children at home with their homework and assignment tasks. Your support shows that you value your child’s education.

Lisa Roach & Janelle Burnham

This term in Instrumental Music, the band has been working hard on learning new music for our end of semester band breakup. On Tuesday 21 June, MICE band will be having an end of semester break up concert and sausage sizzle from 4— 5.30pm. You will need to bring a camping chair and something sweet to share for dessert. If you wish to attend this event please return the RSVP note given to your child as soon as possible. If you have not received this note please contact me and I will be happy to provide you with one.

Our music shop order has arrived! All Tradition of Excellence books and equipment can be purchased at the high school. Thank you very much for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone (4166 9111) or email (txpur1@eq.edu.au).

Tamara Purkis
Well done to Kiralee Streeter (18th), Tarah Staines (4th), Lucas Spletter (17th) and Aylah Sinclair (11th) who represented the North Burnett in the Wide Bay Cross Country trials in Maryborough on 31 May.

Congratulations to Tarah for making it into the Wide Bay team. She will compete at the State trials in Maryborough from the 16 to 18 July. We wish her all the best.

A big thank you to Baldwin’s Sand and Gravel for donation of the rock materials and Darren Zumbansen who did all the bobcat work and constructed the wooden items in the garden.

We are still in need of fundraising ideas to help us reach our goal of $16 000 to enable the P&C to furnish two classrooms.

Sausage sizzle is still going, if you are able to give a couple of hours on a Saturday morning to cook sausages outside Foodworks, please contact Stacey Delaney O’Reilly at sdela71@eq.edu.au.

Next P & C meeting is the 16 June in the Library. Please come along and share your fundraising ideas.

Find us on “facebook”
Under 8's Day on Friday 20 May was by all accounts a successful and exciting day. Congratulations to the wonderful staff at Monto SS who worked collaboratively and cooperatively to provide a great morning for the young families of our community. Thank you to the community members who came to provide information and activities that teach our young children about safety and health. It was great to receive such positive feedback.

Just want to say we had a wonderful morning at the school on Friday, thank you so much! Emily Zumbansen welcomed us as soon as we arrived and she was so polite and friendly, just lovely! All the staff, volunteers and activities were fantastic!

Have a wonderful week :-)

Kindest regards,

Marisa :-)

Under 8's Day
ABERCORN STATE SCHOOL

17th Annual Goodwill Games
Saturday 11th June 2016

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**All track and field events have been re-measured for accuracy**

**Modified events for those participants who are under 10 years of age**

When: Saturday 11th June, 2016

Where: Abercorn State School – 957 Wuruma Dam Road, Abercorn

Time: March Past starts at 8:30 am (day to finish at approximately 3:30 pm)

Who: All students 3 – 12 years of age are invited to participate

Nominations: To be returned to Abercorn State School by Thursday 2nd June, 2016

Snacks: Food and drinks available for sale from the Canteen – menu coming soon

RSVP:
Abercorn State School
Phone: (07) 4167 5190
Fax: (07) 4167 5135
Email: admin@abercornss.eq.edu.au

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COME AND TRY DAY
at the
MONTO GOLF CLUB
SATURDAY 25th June 2016
2 PM to 5PM
Cost: Free

Burnett Mobile Playgroup Family Support Service
Free educational service for families in the North & Central Burnett. We offers a place for children and their parents to come together for a play session with a trained early childhood facilitator.

How to contact:
Liddy Pamenter & Vicki Gartner
Phone: 0427 215 267
Email: bmplaygroup@optusnet.com.au
Website: www.burnettmobileplaygroup.com.au
Q FEVER

Monto Family Practice is taking names of those interested in undergoing Q Fever Vaccination.

(We anticipate holding our next vaccination clinic in June 2016, pending patient numbers)

The clinic will be run over three days. You must attend all three days and is available to all over the age of 15.

Day 1: Pre-vaccination testing
(this includes a Q Fever skin test and pre-vaccination blood test)

Day 2: Check the results
It is imperative that the Dr see you again on this day. Your body's reaction to the skin test, combined with pathology result will determine your need for vaccination. Vaccines will be ordered only pending the result of this consultation.

Day 3: Vaccination
Due to the cost of vaccines, only the specific number of vaccines required for patients will be ordered. They will be given on day 3 of the Q Fever program.

Please phone reception on 41661212 for costs and to register your interest.
Work as a polling official and make votes count

Temporary positions are available in your local area to work on election day.
Even if you haven’t worked on an election we want to hear from you. Training is provided.

We are seeking registrations for:
- polling officials 7am until finish of counting
- polling officials to work at early voting centres (prior to polling day where applicable)

If you are interested please register online at the above website and contact our office on 4976 9011.